

and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to extend the retroactive eligibility dates for financial assistance for higher education for spouses and dependent children of Federal, State, and local law enforcement officers who are killed in the line of duty.

ADOPTED ORPHANS CITIZENSHIP ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration and Claims approved for full Committee action H.R. 2883, Adopted Orphans Citizenship Act.

MINERAL RIGHTS AND FEDERAL EMPLOYEE PAYMENTS

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources met in executive session to hold a hearing to examine laws, policies, practices, and operations of the Department of the Interior and Department of Energy related to payments to their employees (including federal public land oil royalty and valuation policy advisors) from outside sources, (including the Project on Government Oversight); and to examine (a) the source of funds for such payments (b) the relationship between those managing and overseeing the organization that made the payments and the individuals who received the payments, (c) the effect of the payments on programs, policies, and positions of such departments. Testimony was heard from Robert A. Berman, Economist, Department of the Interior.

FOREIGN OPERATIONS, EXPORT FINANCING, AND RELATED PROGRAMS APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, an open rule providing one hour of general debate on H.R. 4811, making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule waives points of order against provisions in the bill for failure to comply with clause 2 of Rule XXI (prohibiting unauthorized or legislative provisions in a general appropriations bill or prohibiting reappropriations in a general appropriations bill), except as specified in the rule. The rule waives points of order against amendments to the bill for failure to comply with clause 2(e) of Rule XXI (prohibiting non-emergency designated amendments to be offered to an appropriations bill containing an emergency designation). The rule allows the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole to accord priority in recognition to Members who have pre-printed their amendments in the Congressional Record. The rule allows the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole to postpone votes during

consideration of the bill, and to reduce voting time to five minutes on a postponed question if the vote follows a fifteen minute vote. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Representatives Callahan, Baker, Greenwood, Brady of Texas, Pelosi, Lowey, Nadler, Waters and Menendez.

MARRIAGE TAX PENALTY RELIEF RECONCILIATION ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a modified closed rule providing 1 hour of debate on H.R. 4810, Marriage Tax Penalty Relief Reconciliation Act of 2000. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides for consideration of the amendment in the nature of a substitute, printed in the Rules Committee report accompanying the resolution, if offered by Representative Rangel or his designee, which shall be considered as read and shall be separately debatable for one hour equally divided between the proponent and an opponent. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the amendment printed in the report. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Representatives Weller and Rangel.

ROADLESS POLICY—EFFECTS ON RURAL SMALL BUSINESS AND RURAL COMMUNITIES

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Rural Enterprises, Business Opportunities and Special Small Business Problems held a hearing on the Effects of the Roadless Policy on Rural Small Business and Rural Communities. Testimony was heard from Charles Rawls, General Counsel, USDA; and public witnesses.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D711)

H.R. 3051, to direct the Secretary of the Interior, the Bureau of Reclamation, to conduct a feasibility study on the Jicarilla Apache Reservation in the State of New Mexico. Signed July 10, 2000. (P.L. 106–243)

S. 1309, to amend title I of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 to provide for the preemption of State law in certain cases relating to certain church plans. Signed July 10, 2000. (P.L. 106–244)

S. 1515, to amend the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act. Signed July 10, 2000. (P.L. 106–245)